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**ORDER**

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**“TOBACCO FREE ZONE NEPAL HOUSE, DORANDA/PROJECT  
BUILDING, DHURWA, RANCHI”**

**File No- 16/ Khadya(Vividh)/12-06/2017-88(16) Health, --** The harmful effects of tobacco use are well accepted. The use of tobacco is a prominent risk factor for 6 to 8 leading causes of death and almost 40 of the Non communicable Diseases (NCP) including Vascular diseases and lung disorders. The number of deaths every year in India which attributes to tobacco use is almost 8-9 lakhs.

Whereas the Central Government has enacted the cigarettes and other Tobacco Products [Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulations of Trade and Commerce production, supply and Distribution Act (COTPA)] in 2003 to protect the masses from adverse effects of tobacco use and Second Hand smoking.

Whereas COTPA envisages protection of non user from involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke, when specifically find in Section- 4 of the Act that prohibits smoking in public places which includes all Public Offices, Workplaces, Canteen, etc.

Whereas spitting of tobacco leads to spread of Swine flu, tuberculosis, pneumonia and Gastro intestinal diseases. TB Bacilli can survive in spit for an entire day which causes health problems to the public or nuisance to the people in general.

Whereas Section 268 of the Indian Penal Code stipulates that a person is guilty of a public nuisance, who does any act or guilty of an illegal omission which causes any common injury, danger or annoyance to the public or to the people in general, who dwell or occupy property in the vicinity, or which must necessarily cause

injury, obstruction, danger or annoyance to the persons who may have occasion to use public right.

Whereas in the interest of the public health and with a view to keep the building clean, thus contributing towards the “Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat” campaign, the premises of Nepal House, Doranda and Project Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi are declared as “Tobacco Free Zone”. As such smoking and spitting of tobacco in the premises of Nepal House, Doranda and Project Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi are prohibited and is a punishable offence. Guidelines for implementation of the “Tobacco Free Zone” policy are at the Annexure.

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Commissioner

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